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CLERK'S ALERT

Registration of Trust

House Bill 1051 enacted a number of revisions to statutes governing the administration of trusts and estates in Washington State. Among the changes is a new procedure, Registration of Trusts, described in RCW 11.98 et seq, and available as of January 1, 2012. Pertinent information regarding this process is outlined below:

- Pursuant to King County Local Rule, Registration of Trust actions must be filed electronically, unless filed by a non-attorney.
- The filing fee is currently \$230.00.
- When e-filing, select "Probate/Guardianship" as the case category.
- Select "Registration of Trust" as the case sub-category.
- A Certification of Registration may be purchased for \$20.00, at least thirty (30) days after filing of the registration, if no objection has been filed. The Certification of Registration form will be generated by Clerk's Office staff at the cashiers counter.
- If an objection to the registration is received within thirty (30) days of filing the registration, the trustee must note a hearing before the Ex Parte and Probate Department to resolve the issue of proper situs of the trust, with at least ten days notice to the parties.

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